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Eleven earn week's stay with winning essays

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Laura Macedonia hadn't planned anything for her 14th birthday June 4.

But that day's Space Camp scholarship awards ceremony more than compensated. She was among 11 winners at the annual event at Army Community Service.

"It was kind of like a birthday present in itself," said Macedonia, attending Space Academy this week at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The youngsters won a week's stay at Space Camp/Academy/Challenge in an essaydriven competition for military children of the Redstone Arsenal area.

Their winning essays earned a week's stay through this Friday at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center where, depending on their age, they'll attend Space Camp,

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Photo by Skip Vaug

MINOR ADJUSTMENT— Jarrett Turman, 10, helps Laura Macedonia, 14, adjust her baseball cap after the Space Camp scholarship awards ceremony. They were among 11 winners.

Redstone Arsenal celebrates Army's 228th birthday

Big party at club a combined effort

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Flag Day and the Army's 228th birthday will be celebrated Saturday night by the local Army community.

The Association of the U.S. Army, the Garrison and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School are having an Army birthday party at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"We expect about 350 (attendees)," retired Col. Mike Howell, special events vice president of AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, said. "And we've got a great program for them."

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7. "The cost for the dinner is only \$15," Howell said. "And that includes a great meal and all that goes with it."

The celebration is combined with the annual election of new officers for the local AUSA chapter. Retired Brig. Gen. Bob Drolet, state president of the association, will preside over the change from John Rogers to Joe Fitzgerald as the chapter's new president.

Pvt. Andrew Reiniger, 17, the youngest soldier on post, will join Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, post commander, in cutting the Army birthday cake. He belongs to Bravo Company.

The Continental Congress created the Army on June 14, 1775. The American flag originated in 1777. "We'll cut cakes for both the flag and the Army," Howell said.

For reservations call Linda Etheridge, AUSA chapter secretary, at 722-4578. "If we've still got seats available and people call, we'll be more than happy to take them," Howell said.

The actual birthday is June 14, but celebrations will be held through-

out June from ballparks to ball rooms, the Pentagon to Camp Zama, Japan.

This year's theme "U.S. Army — At War and Transforming" will be celebrated at posts around the world and several sporting events around the country.

In the Military
District of Washington, soldiers of
Headquarters,
Department of the
Army were to run through

Arlington National Cemetery
June 10. Members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment were to
deliver cakes to members of Congress.

Senior Army leaders will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns June 13. Later that morning, a cake-cutting ceremony will be held in the Pentagon courtyard.

The 228th Army Birthday Ball will be held at the Washington Hilton and Towers June 21. This year's Army Ball will include featured performances from the U.S. Army Soldiers Show, performing groups from the U.S. Army Field Band including "The Jazz Ambassadors," "The Soldier's Chorus" and "The Volunteers."

At Camp Zama, Japan, the most senior and junior soldiers will cut

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Letters to the editor

Angler questions marketing angle

The purpose of this letter is explain how personnel within the management of Skeeter Bass Boats used ideas that I had developed to promote the business interests of Skeeter Bass Boats, and also, to illustrate that the use of my ideas was done without my express permission.

During the year 2000-01, I was living in the Fort Stewart, Ga., area and I was interested in purchasing a bass boat. I found a boat that I liked; however, the bank that I contacted for a loan did not provide a satisfactory arrange-

ment for the loan. As a military minority, I had received negative treatment on several occasions that made it difficult for me to make a large purchase.

In an attempt to find a better deal, I found a boat dealer out of Athens, Ala., called Tidwell Marine. The owner of the dealership, Terry Tidwell, dealt in Skeeter Bass Boats and introduced me to the Skeeter Bass Boats line of products.

I received excellent treatment at the hands of Mr. Tidwell and his staff and

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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

May 30 — An investigation was initiated when a Redstone Arsenal employee reported that while he was sleeping, an unknown person removed a single \$100 bill from his belongings.

May 30 — A contractor working at Redstone Arsenal reported that an unknown person broke into her vehicle while it was parked and unattended at an off-post location, removing her wallet which contained her dependant Identification Card. Investigation continues by civil authorities.

May 31 – A soldier attached to Redstone Arsenal was detained at the Provost Marshal Office when he was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol when he was stopped for a vehicle inspection at Gate 9.

May 31 – A contractor working at Redstone Arsenal was stopped on Mills Road for exceeding the speed limit. It was also discovered that he had an outstanding warrant on file from the Madison County Sheriff's Office. The contractor was issued a violation notice for speeding and then released to members of the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

June 1 — A soldier attached to Redstone Arsenal was found operating her motor vehicle with a suspended drivers license when she was stopped on Rideout Road for exceeding the posted speed limit.

June 3 — A soldier attached to Redstone Arsenal was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended drivers license during an inspection of his vehicle at Gate 10. It was also discovered



that he had an outstanding warrant on file with the Limestone County Sheriff's Office. The soldier was issued a violation noticed and then released to members of the Limestone County Sheriff's Office.

June 3 – A contractor working at Redstone Arsenal reported that while shopping at an off-post location, an unknown person removed her wallet from her purse which contained her Redstone Arsenal Security Badge.

June 3 — Two Redstone Arsenal employees are under investigation when it was discovered that they were misusing their government computer systems in violation of the joint ethics regulation.

June 4 — An investigation was initiated when a non-appropriated fund employee reported that while checking daily funds, she discovered fraudulent receipts in the amount of \$600.

June 5 — An investigation was initiated when a person requesting access to Redstone Arsenal was found to be in possession of controlled substances during an inspection of his vehicle at Gate 9.

Violation notices issued: speeding, 22; possession of controlled substance, 1; parking violation, 5; no proof of liability insurance, 2; driving under the influence, 1; expired registration, 5; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended drivers license, 2; and civil warrant executed, 2.

Viva Arsenal bicycle tour

Leave though June 3 started out gray and raining, more than 60 cyclists enjoyed wonderful weather at 5 p.m. for the Tour d' Arsenal. Everyone enthusiastically suggested the ride be scheduled more often.

Adult riders of all ages took part in the 18-mile tour of Redstone Arsenal. NASA security escorted the group from the NASA Exchange Fitness Center through the NASA West Test Area to view the massive Shuttle engine and other test stands. Then we picked up an Army escort through Test Area 1 down the closed section of Dodd Road through Wheeler Wildlife Refuge and continued to the Army west recreation area on the Tennessee River. Riders returned on Buxton and Patton roads all the way north to Neal Road where the route turned back toward the NASA Exchange. On the return, the course followed a short section of the Redstone bike/pedestrian trail through the cool woods just north of the Sparkman Center. Riders who finished after 6:30 p.m. were even treated to a quick evening

Many thanks to Art Riley, operations officer at Provost Marshal Office, and

Sgt Jeffrey Cassell for sending his bike patrol, Sgt. Joshua Lee, Sgt. Carl Robinson, PFC Ryan Blas and Pvt. David Furey, to accompany the riders. Thanks to Carmen Hall of NASA Security for coordinating the escort across Martin Road at rush hour, Jeff Hamilton for coordinating the route through the NASA West Test Area, and Wes Widner who escorted us through TA 1. Acknowledgement is due for the support of post CSM Lawrence Rogers, the Army Safety Office and Dave Spacek of NASA Industrial Safety for approval of the route. And the turnout was certainly enhanced by the Redstone Rocket, Marshall Star and Inside Marshall for timely publicity of the event. This ride was sponsored by the Jacob Sverdrup MSFC Group Contract Employee Morale & Welfare Committee that provided 20 free water bottles that were distributed to 8 or 9 MSFC Group team members and anyone else who needed a water bottle. The MSFC Environmental Excellence Team also supported the event.

Janie Miernik ERC Inc./MSFC Group Jacobs Sverdrup Technology

An open lane random survey

What do you think about reality television?

By KELLEY LANE

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SFC Edgar Duhaylungsod "It's a good kind of programming." PFC Andy Balam

"It's very entertaining to watch what everybody does."



Joyce Payne, former military spouse "I don't watch it. I don't like it at all."



Pvt. Christopher Thomas

"It's good. It gives you a chance to see what's really going on. A lot of people do a lot of crazy things and you get to see it. It's good entertainment."



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Industry reps invited to advance planning briefing

Annual conference among events in Armed Forces

Celebration Week

By KIM GILLESPIE

For the Rocket

The 2003 Advance Planning Briefing for Industry will be held July 15-17 at Redstone Arsenal.

This year's conference theme is "Transforming Partnerships in Technology and Logistics for the 21st Century Battlefield"; and a key speaker will be Claude Bolton Jr., assistant secretary of the Army (acquisition, logistics and technology).

"We are very happy with the speakers for this year's event. Anyone connected to the missions of Redstone Arsenal will recognize their names and organizations," Lauretta Mitchell of the Aviation and Missile Command said, AMCOM and the Association of the U.S. Army are co-sponsoring this year's event.

"The conference is designed to provide information that will help businesses maintain awareness of prospective Army procurements and develop competitive pos-

tures," Mitchell said.

Other scheduled speakers include Lt. Gen. Richard Cody, deputy chief of staff, G-3, Army; Maj. Gen. John Doesburg, commander of Research Development and Engineering Command; and Albert Puzzuoli, deputy program executive officer for Ground Combat Systems.

Because the Army depends on industry for much of its research and development services and materiel acquisitions, this conference should benefit the Army and large and small businesses. Businesses learn what the Army's anticipated needs will be, while the Army gains access to existing and emerging technologies and increases competition during development and acquisition.

"The scope of the briefing covers a complete spectrum that includes long-range requirements for space, aviation and missile technology programs and demonstrations and the transition of these programs from research and development to production and other Army required services," Mitchell said. "But we will also include more focused descriptions of near-term efforts and requirements."

The conference, held during the area's annual Armed Forces Celebration Week July 14-19, also includes tickets to the Armed Forces Week Salute Dinner hosted by AUSA July 15, a welcome mixer, and the APBI Gener-

als' Reception.

"The mixer and reception offer attendees the opportunity to talk with speakers and other participants in a oneon-one informal setting. And the Salute Dinner, a more formal event, has traditionally drawn more than 1,000 attendees from all levels of industry and government local, state and national. These are great places for networking," Mitchell said.

Conference participants may also be interested in attending the Armed Forces Celebration Week's kickoff Concert in the Park on July 14, a free event featuring the 389th Army Band, and the AUSA Benefit Golf Tournament (\$45 to \$85 registration fee, \$250 hole sponsorship) on July 18. Other events will also be held throughout the

APBI early registration cost through July 1 is \$425 for industry and academia, and \$300 for military and government employees. Early registration can be done online at http://apbi.redstone.army.mil or by calling 519-

APBI registration from July 2-17 is \$475 for industry and academia, and \$350 for military and government employees. Registration will be available July 14 from 1-4 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, call Mitchell at 876-4270.



BATTLEFIELD THEME— This year's conference theme is "Transforming Partnerships in Technology and Logistics for the 21st Century Battlefield."

Redstone military units add 17 newcomers

Seventeen soldiers, including 10 officers, arrived for duty during May. The Garrison provided the following list:

Aviation and Missile Command - SFC Tamara Mullins, Sgt. Lewis Ingold, SFC Chara Grant-Timmons, Maj. Jimmy Rivers and CWO 2 Velma Howard.

Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School - Maj. Gregory Bayuga, CWO 3 Max Bennett and 1st Lt. Lucilio Mizerani.

Delta Company - SSgt. Jose Guzmanborabo, SSgt. Elmer Vanmeter and SFC Robert Brianin.

Missile and Space Intelligence Center - Capt. Todd Wilkerson and Lt. Col. Gregg Kocher.

Program Executive Offices - Col. Peter Cole (Aviation/Comanche) and Lt. Col. John Surdu (STRI/Orlando).

HHC 59th Ordnance - Capt. Talli Sosa. Charlie Company - SSgt. Danny Lindley.

Fallujah attack kills one, injures five

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — One soldier was killed and five wounded in an attack in the Baath party stronghold of Fallujah early Thursday, U.S. Central Command officials said.

The soldiers were with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

Officials said an unknown assailant fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the men. Names were

being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The attack occurred despite the buildup of American forces in the area. DoD officials said there are many sympathizers of Saddam Hussein's regime in the city, which is located about 40 miles west of Baghdad.

On May 27, two soldiers were killed and nine wounded in another attack on an American unit in Fallujah. Soldiers killed two enemy

and captured six others in that engagement.

CENTCOM officials said that units of the 3rd Infantry Division moved to Fallujah to reinforce the American presence there.

The command also said it has Ayad Futayyih Khalifa al-Rawi, No. 30 on the Iraqi "Top 55" list, in custody. Al-Rawi was the chief of staff of the Al Quds Force, a paramilitary group in Saddam Hussein's regime.

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International students find home away from home



Photo by Kelley Lane

UNITED NATIONS— Ron Garrett, international military student officer, is surrounded by student soldiers from Jordan, Tunisia, Korea and Egypt.

Office within unit eases transition

By KELLEY LANE

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Coming to America from a country and a culture vastly different can be stressful. When everything is foreign and your family and friends are on the other side of the globe, who do you turn to for help with everyday things? If you are at Redstone for training you turn to the International Military Student Office.

Located within Headquarters and Alpha Company, the office coordinates with embassies and local organizations to ensure that foreign soldiers transition smoothly.

"It's part of the Foreign Military Sales Program. When we sell our equipment to other countries then a lot of the time it's part of the package that we provide training," Ron Garrett, international military student officer, said. "That's where we come in. We bring them here for training and help them adapt to the culture."

Adapting can be as simple as informational tours, such as the one the group took to Nashville recently. The tours are designed to help foreign soldiers understand American culture, history and way of life.

"Basically, we take them around and teach them about how our government works, how our country works and just teach them about America," Garrett said. The lessons in American culture benefit the host and visiting nations, dispelling stereotypes and laying the foundation for future diplomacy.

"It fosters goodwill and helps knock out a lot of misconceptions about America and Americans. A lot of the things they hear at home are not necessarily true and they take that knowledge back with them," Garrett said. With a high rate of foreign military students pursuing careers in diplomacy and government in their home countries, the impressions they gain in their short stay can influence their nations in future years.

From 10 to 20 international soldiers attend training at Redstone at any one time. They come for varying lengths of time, anywhere from a matter of weeks to eight months or more depending on the type of training. Garrett strives to meet the soldiers halfway. He can sympathize with their situation, having served in the military for 12 years and been stationed in Korea, where he was the foreign soldier. While they are trying to adjust to the American way, Garrett tries to reciprocate by learning key phrases in their native languages. He finds that greeting them with their own expressions of politeness puts the soldiers at ease and conveys a respect for their culture. They also meet regularly in his office to discuss any issues and simply talk about their impressions.

The office also finds a host family with the aid of the International Service Council of Huntsville. A host family provides a support network for holidays and observances, and eases the pain of being separated from loved ones. The office also aids in travel arrangements and finding accommodations for the soldiers during their stay. Paperwork is something all nations have in common.

Whenever a problem arises, the international soldiers know help is only a phone call away. Each has Garrett's cell phone number to call for assistance. When Korean MSgt. Byung-Kag Hong found a large sum of money in the floor at the Post Exchange, he called Garrett for help in returning the money to its rightful owner.

Lt. Majdi Aladwan of Jordan needed help of a different kind. Coming from a culture where every meal is prepared by the women of the household, Aladwan could not cook at all nor had he shopped before. With the aid of Garrett and others in the program, he is now considered an accomplished chef by the group. It's the little things that make a place comfortable.

"That's my responsibility — to make them feel at home," Garrett said. "The culture shock usually fades away just like when we go overseas. You get homesick and I talk to them about that. But the majority of the time they are having so much fun here that it's not really that bad."

The international students agree. Overall the consensus is that the experience has been enjoyable, both in the classroom and out. They have found the transition easier than expected with the aid of the International Military Student Office.

"The office gives us help," Capt. Haitham Afifi from Egypt said. "Without Mr. Garrett and the people here, we would be lost. He is our guide."

Redstone bowlers will have room to spare

New bowling center under construction

By KELLEY LANE

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Redstone Lanes is one of the more popular activities on post. Soon it will be replaced by a bigger and better facility.

As part of Personnel and Community Activities capital reinvestment program, ground has been broken for a new \$6.4 million bowling center on the corner of Patton and Honest John roads. Space constraints at the current building prompted the new construction which is projected for completion in October 2004. "It's probably going to be a great asset," Redstone Lanes business manager John Howard said. "We'll be able to provide much more service. We're losing volume of business now because of space."

'We will have twice the number of lanes, going from 16 to 32 lanes. The building itself will be almost three times the size of the existing one.'

Dan Ahern
 director,
 Personnel and Community Activities

The new facility will dwarf the current center's 13,000 square feet by about 25,000 square feet. Newer equipment like the jukebox, tables and chairs, and some fixtures will make the move, but the older equipment will be replaced with modern improvements including new pin setters and an automated scoring system. The current staff will move to the new facility.

"The most significant thing is that it will be larger," Dan Ahern, director of personnel and community activities, said.

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Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

Military excellence

Col. John Smith, left, command chief of staff, congratulates SFC Charles Blessie on earning the prestigious Order of St. Martin during a ceremony June 4 at the Aviation and Missile Command.

Community barbecue helps feed needy in Huntsville

Delta staff sergeant serves as pastor

While many soldiers were heading for the beach or some other fun in the sun activity, SSgt. Willie Ceasar of Delta Company sponsored the third annual Free Community Barbecue.

The barbecue was May 24 in the parking lot of Samaritan Outreach and Deliverance Church, 2900 9th Avenue. Ceasar is the pastor and his wife, Lucinda, the copastor.

This event feeds many homeless and low income people in the area. Each year the number of mouths fed grows. This year there were 342, some 100 more than last year. The many volunteers from Team Redstone included SFC Lora Lopez (HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade), SFC Joseph Pitre (Delta Company), SFC Patricia Jones and her husband Robert (Delta Company), SSgt. Frederick Traylor and his wife Anita (Bicentennial Chapel), and Cpl. Tisha Adams (Headquarters & Alpha).

Ceasar and his wife do not limit helping the community to once a year. They



Courtesy photo

COOKING OUT— Preparing food are SFC Joseph Pitre of Delta Company and Kevin Riley of PALCO Telecom Inc.

can be found each Sunday morning at the Breaking Free Rescue Mission delivering "spiritual food." Ceasar also sponsors a food pantry and weekly Bible study for the homeless.

"He that has a bountiful eye shall be blessed for he giveth his bread to the poor," Ceasar said.

Missile silos settle into Alaskan test bed

Fort Greely site ready in 2004

BOEING RELEASE

Construction continues at a rapid pace at Fort Greely, Alaska, one of the major sites for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense test bed. The first two missile silos arrived in May and were recently installed in the 80-foot deep holes drilled

Fort Greely, near Fairbanks, is the site for a segment of the expanded missile defense test bed, which will contain six GMD interceptor missiles in silos, command and control buildings, and several support facilities.

The silos, silo interface vaults and silo closure assemblies are transported by barge and then truck to the missile field at Fort Greely. Travel to this isolated outpost in central Alaska is never easy. But when you're hauling a 130,000-pound missile silo, the trip is definitely not for the faint of heart.

The giant 75-foot long, shrinkwrapped silo begins its trek from the manufacturer, Oregon Ironworks, in Vancouver, Wash., where it is loaded onto a crane barge, first, and then onto a large transport barge that will carry the silo down the Columbia River to Valdez, Alaska. At the

port of Valdez, the silo is loaded onto a truck for the final leg of the journey on land. But this is no ordinary truck. It is a custom built, 221-foot long transporter that will carry the silo across 286 miles of rugged mountain passes on sharply curving roads with grades that vary from 8 to 12 percent. Chase vehicles must clear the roadway in front of the silo transporter and two "push" vehicles follow to give the transporter the extra power necessary to make it across the mountains. Traveling about 33 mph, through weather that ranges from fog to snow, the trip from Valdez to Fort Greely takes about two days.

The first two silos were delivered to the missile field in May with two more deliveries scheduled for July and August. The remaining silos and equipment will be shipped this summer and installed by the end of September when the extremely short construction season in Alaska draws

But even when the temperatures drop to 40 below, construction activities won't stop - the work just moves indoors. With more than 300,000-sq. ft. of facilities now under roof, the GMD team will focus on preparing buildings to receive and install equipment.

As work continues at the missile silo field this summer, two radars at Shemya, Alaska, and Beale Air Force Base, Calif.,



GETTING LIFT— A crane lifts the first Ground-based Midcourse Defense missile silo in place for installation at Fort Greely, Alaska, where a segment of the expanded missile defense test bed is under construction.

are being modified by the Boeing GMD team to support the test bed.

The GMD Joint Program Office at Redstone Arsenal manages the program led by Maj. Gen. John Holly. Boeing is the prime contractor for the GMD program. Bechtel is the construction contractor for the Fort Greely missile field and a Corps of Engineers' contractor, Fluor Alaska Inc., is doing construction of facilities and support structures.

The purpose of the test bed is to conduct more operationally realistic missile defense testing and provide the country with an initial defensive operations capability to protect the U.S. from limited ballistic missile attacks. Completion of the initial test bed is scheduled for September 2004.

Walter Reed Medical Center takes 'giant leap' in prosthetics

Microprocessor-controlled knee an advancement for amputees

By MICHAEL E. DUKES

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Walter Reed Army Medical Center has started using microprocessor-controlled knees featuring hydraulic-pneumatic controls that allow amputees a more natural walk, prosthetist Joseph Miller said.

The traditional prosthetic leg must be swung forward with each step using the wearer's body weight, Miller said. He said the new leg allows amputees a more effortless walk.

A soldier wounded in the war on terrorism received the first of these bionic legs in the Army a few months ago at Walter Reed, and Miller said another leg is ready to be set up for an Operation Iraqi Freedom soldier to start using in coming weeks.

The \$40,000 to \$100,000 leg, complete with microprocessor knee and forcesensing pylon (metal support rod between the knee and the prosthetic foot), reads feedback data 50 times per second and evaluates it to determine the appropriate movement for the computer-aided leg.

Besides improved legs, Walter Reed initiated an industry first in the same prosthetics specialty area — the center hosted a conference May 21 and 22 to develop clinical standards of practice for the computerized knee.

"The end product (of the conference) is to develop guidelines and clinical standards of practice, with hopes that all involved will benefit from these standards - from the patient to insurance providers, prosthetists and therapists,' Miller said.

"The Microprocessor Knee Forum arose from the need to assure appropriate care for veterans returning for medical treatment at (Walter Reed). The forum was structured similar to a consensus conference with its primary goal to establish a specific patient procedure and protocol for the microprocessor knee mechanism," according to the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists.

The forum at Walter Reed was presented in conjunction with the academy and the Hanger Corporation. Hanger is the largest prosthetic provider in the United States. Twenty representatives from the

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Search continues for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq

Coalition to aid U.N. inspectors at Iragi nuclear storage facility

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Coalition forces will assist International Atomic Energy Agency officials as they inspect the Iraqi nuclear storage facility near Baghdad, DoD officials said Thursday.

The IAEA inspectors will help coalition officials determine if uranium or nuclear by-products are missing from the

IAEA inspectors last visited Location C at the Tuwaitha facility in December 2002. The inspectors were there as part of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty annual inspection.

Site Charlie - as officials call the storage area - is about 12 miles southeast of Baghdad. Radiological materiel - mostly "yellow cake," a naturally occurring uranium ore - was stored at the facility. Officials said about 500 metric tons of the materiel were stored in Tuwaitha, along with very small quantities of lowenriched and depleted uranium.

DoD officials said reports from the area indicate that on or about March 10, Iraqi forces guarding the site took off. On March 20, civilian guards also left.

On April 7, U.S. Marines arrived in the area and assumed security. "The front gate was open and unsecured, and the fence line and barrier wall on the back side of the facility had been breached," said an official speaking on background. Parts of the facility had been looted.

Since April 7, no looters or trespassers have made it into the facility, officials said. American officials from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, assisted by Iraqi scientists, have entered the site to conduct technical assessments and an inventory.

Coalition officials offered a reward for any item from the facility. Iraqis in the surrounding area turned in more than "100 barrels of various shapes and sizes and conditions, as well as five radioactive sources and some other items."

IAEA officials were to arrive at the site June 7 and have the full cooperation of coalition experts, the official said.

While coalition experts say danger to the site's U.S. military guards is negligible, a team from the Army's Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine was to arrive at the site last week to conduct a risk assessment on them. The team will also help in a wider search and health assessment of the surrounding civilian area.

Medical center unveils bionic leg

Knee

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Department of Veteran's Affairs, industry manufacturing representatives and some of the top orthotics and prosthetics practitioners attended the forum.

Experts from across the United States and around the world discussed various issues relating to the microprocessor knee including: pre-prosthetics and medical considerations, patient justification and validation, physical therapy, patient evaluation and documentation, the features and benefits of the microprocessor knee, fitting considerations and outcomes and utilization protocols.

Manuscripts will be developed and disseminated throughout the field of orthotics and prosthetics and to related professions, officials said.

"Ideally, the results of this conference will enhance communication, education, outcomes and reimbursement for those requiring orthoses and prostheses," one forum presenter said.

Editor's note: Michael E. Dukes is a staff writer for the Walter Reed Stripe newspaper.

Berry very, very Apache helicopter family



hoto by Kelley Lane LIFELONG FRIEND- Never far from his machine, Jack Berry has traded his place in the Apache's cockpit for a place in the program's engineering department.

Son follows dad as combat pilot

By KELLEY LANE

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Lots of different traits run in families, like allergies, hair and eye color, or freckles. But what about helicopters? Is there a gene that draws people to them, more specifically, to the Apache? While the existence of a "helicopter gene" may be dubious, it would explain the unavoidable pull the Apache has on the Berry family.

Jack Berry started his flying career at the tender age of 12 when he took his first flight. He had his private pilot's license before he had his high school diploma. His father was in the Air Force, stationed at Greenville, Miss. After receiving his license, Berry took a break from flying to work for the Bell Telephone Company. Climbing telephone poles, however, did not get him close enough to the clouds.

"After five years, I was on a telephone pole one day hooking up a wire," Berry said. "I called my boss up and said 'This is my last day. I'm not coming back.' And I quit. About a year later I joined the Army."

Upon enlisting in 1969, Berry went to Army flight school. He went to Vietnam in 1970 and flew Cobras there for two years. In 1978 he made the acquaintance of the Apache at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. It was the helicopter that would become the central focus of his career.

"I flew prototypes and then I flew early production models," Berry said. For 10 years he aided in the research, development and testing of the Apache. In 1989 he retired. After being recalled eight months for Operation Desert Storm, Berry became a test pilot at the Aviation Technical Test Center, where he served until climbing out of the cockpit in 1999. Although he was no longer in the skies, the Apache was still in his veins. Berry came to Redstone and joined the engineering department of the Apache Program Manager Office, where he remains.

"Still, to a great degree, here what I do is test programs for both the A and the D model of the Apache," Berry said.

The machine that has become a central part of his life has also entranced his son. Berry's plans for his son did not include an Army career, but fate thought otherwise. After he left college to join the Army without his father's knowledge, relations between the two were strained.

"He never told me," Berry said. "I got a

letter from the commanding general where he was training at Fort Knox (Ky.), welcoming my son to his training unit." The decision for him to then attend flight school was a bridge that brought the two back together.

"He's a good troop," Berry said proud-"Everyone is impressed with his knowledge of the aircraft and his flying skill. I'm real proud of him."

CWO Scott Berry is an instructor pilot in both the A and D models of the Apache in the 4th Infantry 1-4 Aviation Regiment. A Berry is once again flying an Apache over Iraq, but now it is the son.

While serving in Korea he met a female Apache pilot. With the same love of flying in their hearts, the two were married Thanksgiving 2002, CWO Lisa Berry of the 1-227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was with one of the first units in Iraq, but returned home last week. Berry's son will remain a while longer.

"They're hoping to get back together soon at Fort Hood (Texas)," Berry said. "Both of their units are stationed there."

Whether it is a genetic predisposition, or a classic case of soldier meets machine, the Berry family is in love - with the Apache helicopter.

Angler wants answers from advertiser

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as a result, I decided to purchase a Skeeter Bass Boat from Mr. Tidwell. I was, and still am, extremely happy with my purchase. The boat performs exceptionally well and has required little to no maintenance.

As a result of the superior quality of the boat and the outstanding service I received from Tidwell Marine, I became partial to Skeeter Bass Boats. Due to my experience, I began developing my own ideas about how beneficial it would be if people like me could receive such positive treatment by boat dealers and in turn, purchase such quality products.

Due to this experience, I began a dialog with a Mr. Jonathan Burns, an individual I had contacted at Skeeter Bass Boats in Kilgore, Texas, in the fall of 2000. Not much transpired between Mr. Burns and me until I moved to Redstone Arsenal in the spring of 2002. During my conversations with Mr. Burns, I discussed my ideas with him about developing a marketing plan directed at military minorities - giving military minorities various alternatives that would allow them to more easily purchase a boat. Specifically we discussed the following points:

- Minorities in the military are at a disadvantage when making large purchases such as boats.
- If military minorities are offered an affordable product with reliable and friendly service, they will more than likely purchase that product.

 Skeeter Bass Boats' reputation would be greatly enhanced if the company offered an affordable product to mili-

tary minorities.

The last time I spoke to Mr. Burns was January 2003. At that time no definitive decision had been made to employ my ideas within Skeeter Bass Boats marketing practices. However, on approximately May 5, I viewed a commercial on television produced by Skeeter Bass Boats that embodied the ideas that I had communicated with Mr. Burns.

I feel that the broadcasting of this commercial was in essence intellectual property theft in that my ideas had been used to promote Skeeter Bass Boats and I was neither made aware of the company's (Skeeter Bass Boats) intention to use my ideas nor was I asked permission for the use of my ideas. I also feel that this current marketing practice will be of great benefit to Skeeter Bass Boats and that had I not contributed my unique perspective and ideas, no such marketing plan would have been developed.

Reginald B. Williams

Editor's note: Jeff Stone, senior vice president for Skeeter Boats, provided the following response. "The referenced ad that Skeeter Boats has been running on network television was a sincere gesture from everyone at Skeeter of saying thank you to all of the service men and women that made sacrifices to protect the wonderful freedoms that we enjoy in our great country today. The ad did not come from any ideas that were communicated from outside sources to personnel at Skeeter. The ad was developed by the Skeeter Marketing Department as our country was in the midst of an international conflict. Skeeter has been building boats for 55 years and is very grateful to the armed services for protecting the American way of life.

Middle schoolers support U.S. troops in Afghan theater

Soldiers share experiences for students in Maryland

By Lt. Col., JEFFREY BADY

Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — "Supporting Our Troops in Afghanistan" has developed into more than a service-learning project for a group of middle schoolers in Maryland.

Students at Westland Middle School in



Claus Martel/AMCOM Command Group

Missile anniversary

Col. John Smith, chief of staff for the Aviation and Missile Command, speaks during the Hermes missile rededication ceremony May 30 at the corner of Airport Road and Memorial Parkway. Huntsville Mayor Loretts Spencer looks on. The ceremony marked the 50th anniversary of when the Hermes first went on public display.

Bethesda, Md., started off with the theme and a project to create care packages for U.S. servicemembers in Afghanistan. But it grew from there: They linked up with real-world troops to give added realism to their project.

School principal Ursula Hermann suggested having servicemembers talk to the students about their experiences while serving in Afghanistan. Someone contacted the 249th Engineer Battalion from Fort Belvoir, Va., a unit that has recently returned from Afghanistan, Maj. Steven Cade, executive officer, expressed an interest in taking part in the students' learning process.

On May 22, Cade brought not only a multimedia presentation, but also four unit members with him: CWO Jason Carlo, SFC Kevin McCrea, SSgt. Nicholas Mapp and Spec. Martin Brown. Together, they briefed students on the culture, customs and uniqueness of Afghanistan.

Then the soldiers displayed some equipment they used while in Afghanistan. School staff members said the students were excited about meeting soldiers with real life experiences.

Students' questions were mostly about the climate, Afghan children's activities and the lifestyle of the Afghan people. After the presentation, the students constructed the care packages, containing baby wipes, disposable razors and cameras, candy, computer game software, and other personal items.

The 249th Engineer Battalion provides utility power wherever needed around the globe. They have deployed to the Middle East, Asia, Africa and South America. They also support the Federal Emergency Management Agency during disaster relief efforts. The unit has the capability to supply enough power for a small city.



Photo by Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bady

The Redstone Rocket

FRIENDLY AUDIENCE— SSgt. Nicholas Mapp explains the mechanics of the protective vest required for all personnel to wear because of the hostile environment.

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Employee disputes shouldn't get physical

Quality Institute has course on alternative resolutions

QUALITY INSTITUTE RELEASE

Conflict in the workplace is a natural result of transition, growth, changing technology and personality differences. These conflicts can be time consuming and costly for organizations that need to minimize time spent on unproductive activities. The Aviation and Missile Command has recognized this concern and has adopted the recommendations from the Booz-Allen and Hamilton study.

The recommendation prompted Redstone to promote awareness of early conflict resolution and the benefits and availability of Alternative Dispute Resolution to the work force. As a result, the Quality Institute is offering small group training in ADR techniques.

The use of alternative dispute resolution techniques by federal agencies has increased dramatically in the equal employment opportunity process. As of Jan. 1, 2000, all federal agencies were federally mandated to establish or make available an ADR program during the precomplaint stage of the equal employment opportunity process. So what does this mean for the command? The command has implemented Resolving Employee Disputes Swiftly as a part of its ADR program.

To learn about the REDS program, employees can reference command Regulation 600-21 found on the AMCOM intranet. An employee or manager who identifies a workplace problem or dispute raises the matter through the chain of command or supervision. He or she may contact officials in the Equal Employment Opportunity Office. In the Management Employee Relations arena, the union adapted Alternative Dispute Resolution as an option that can be implemented as an alternative instead of filing a formal grievance. This process was implemented in May. Employees desiring this dispute resolution procedure must notify the supervisor in writing within 20 workdays after the act, or knowledge of the act, or specific incident giving rise to the complaint and follow a specific procedure. To find out more about ADR in management employee relations, Redstone employees may read Article 51 of the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure found in the current

Popularity for ADR abounds due to its numerous benefits, some of which include the following:

 Offers the parties the opportunity for an early, informal resolution of disputes in a mutually satisfactory fashion.

 Usually costs less and uses few resources than traditional administrative or adjudicative processes.

 A resolution will avoid numerous years of litigation in administrative and court proceedings.

 The employee's working relationship can improve rather than deteriorate due to ongoing legal battles, and the overall employee morale can be enhanced when the command is viewed as open minded and cooperative in seeking to resolve employee disputes.

As a joint initiative to train the work

force, the Quality Institute with its subject area expert partners from the EEO Office, union and MER offers monthly sessions on ADR awareness training. A course is scheduled July 30 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. in building 5304 of the Sparkman Center. Additional courses will be scheduled as requested. Registration is through the Training Information Program.

Soldier sentenced after refusing anthrax vaccine

Religious reasons deemed no defense against bad conduct discharge

By Spec. TRAVIS BURNHAM

Army News Service

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — A special court-martial panel sentenced a mobilized reservist from Pennsylvania to a bad conduct discharge after she refused to receive the anthrax vaccine.

Pvt. Kamila K. Iwanowska, currently assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Installation Troop Command, Fort Drum, was found guilty of two specifications of willingly disobeying a lawful order from a superior officer under Article 90 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

Iwanowska came to Fort Drum in January. That was shortly after her unit, the U.S. Army Reserve 233rd Quartermaster Company, a petroleum supply unit from Philadelphia, was mobilized in preparation for deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of operations. As part of that preparation, all members of Iwanowska's unit were ordered to receive the anthrax vaccine.

When Iwanowska refused the anthrax shot, her company commander counseled her on the matter. After receiving education about the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program and refusing the shot a second time, she was offered procedures under Article 15, UCMJ, the Army's nonjudicial method of punishment.

A part of those procedures allowed Iwanowska to reject a hearing before the field-grade commander offering them, and to instead demand trial by court-martial. She did not demand trial by court-martial. At the proceeding, her punishment was to be reduced in rank from specialist to private and to forfeit half of her pay for two months. However, the punishment was also suspended.

On Feb. 3 and 7, Iwanowska refused direct orders from Col. Emory Helton, the Fort Drum garrison commander, to receive the anthrax vaccine. In a separate administrative proceeding that Iwanowska initiated Feb. 26, she requested a religious accommodation.

On March 12, Iwanowska requested that Helton not vacate the suspension he

had placed on her sentence, citing religious reasons. Helton vacated the suspension and transmitted a recommendation to the installation commander, recommending trial by special court-martial.

Capt. Jeremy Ball, senior defense counsel, and civilian defense attorney Kenneth Levine represented Iwanowska in court. She pleaded not guilty to the offense and chose a panel of five enlisted and three officers.

In her defense, Iwanowska cited her religious convictions as her reason for refusing the vaccine. Iwanowska said she believes it would be a sin for her to accept the shot, because she feels it could jeopardize the health of any children she may have later in life.

Invoking her right to make an unsworn statement, upon which she could not be cross-examined by the prosecution, Iwanowska stated she is a devout Roman Catholic and feels it is against her personal religious beliefs to possibly endanger the health of her future family.

Iwanowska faced a maximum sentence of 12 months' confinement, twothirds forfeiture of pay for that period, and a bad conduct discharge.

After deliberating for two hours, the panel returned with a sentence of a bad conduct discharge.

Prosecuting attorney Maj. Dave Tobin expressed his satisfaction with the verdict and sentencing.

"We are very satisfied that the military justice system worked," Tobin said. "With the regard to the sentence — the panel has spoken, and we are satisfied with what they had to say."

Iwanowska was born in Poland and immigrated to the United States in 1992. After graduating from college, she joined the Army in January 2000 and became an American citizen in April 2002.

Upon hearing the sentence, Iwanowska said she was relieved that she would not be confined, but she was disappointed that she will no longer be serving in the Army.

"I still believe the Army is a good place, and I don't regret joining," she said after the verdict. "I don't regret what I did, I just wish it had turned out differently."

Editor's note: Spec. Travis Burnham is a staff writer for the 27th Public Affairs Detachment. Camp

Space Academy or Aviation Challenge.

Macedonia, daughter of retired Lt.
Col. David and Elaine Macedonia,
attended Space Camp in 1999 when the
program was opened to all local fifthgraders. "I went with the fifth-grade program and I got really homesick so this
time I'm hoping I can be braver and not
get as scared," she said.

Sponsors of the scholarships included the Enlisted Spouses Club, the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, Air Defense Artillery Association, Association of the U.S. Army, First Command Financial Planning, and American Legion Family Post 237. Representatives from the contributing organizations also served as judges for the essay competition, reading 32 entries from students in grades 4-9.

Susan Carr and Phyllis Montgomery were volunteer co-chairmen for the Space Camp Scholarship Committee for the third and final time. They were assisted by Natalie Taylor, program manager at Army Community Service, in this sixmonth effort. "This is truly an exciting day," Carr said.

Maj. Gen. John Holly, director of Ground-based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, congratulated the winning youngsters. "This is our future. These are the leaders of tomorrow that you have sitting before you," he said.

Holly presented the awards along with retired Brig. Gen. Larry Capps, chief executive officer of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. More than 400,000 youngsters have attended Space Camp in the educational program's 21 years.

"It is fun, it is interesting, it is exciting. Oh and by the way, you will learn something," Capps told the winners.

The Space Camp scholarship winners include Marlin Clemons, who completed fifth-grade at Academy for Science and Foreign Language and is the son of Spec. Ogretta Clemons; Susanna Dean, who completed fourth-grade at Rainbow Elementary and is the daughter of Cmdr. and Mrs. Andrew Dean; Nikole Jones, who completed fourth-grade and is the daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Walt Jones; Kilian McGroary, who completed sixth-grade at Huntsville Middle and is the daughter of retired Maj. and Mrs. James McGroary; Cody Ritchie, who completed fourthgrade at McDonnell Elementary and is the son of retired Master Gunnery Sgt. and Mrs. K.W. Black; Kyla Shouse, who completed sixth-grade at Williams Technology Middle and is the daughter of WO 1 and Mrs. Joe Shouse; and Jarrett Turman, who completed fourth-grade at Harvest Elementary and is the son of SFC and Mrs. Christopher Turman.

Space Academy winners are Joel Kreipe, who completed seventh-grade in home school and is the son of Maj. and Mrs. Stephen Kreipe; Macedonia, who completed eighth-grade at Liberty Middle; and Alexa Wiley, who completed seventh-grade at Holy Spirit School and is the daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Dean Wiley.

The Aviation Challenge winner is Richard Hawkins Jr., who completed seventh-grade at Riverton Middle and is the son of SFC and Mrs. Richard Hawkins.

"I want to go to Space Camp because it will be a chance of a lifetime," Clemons said in his essay.

"I want to go to Space Camp because it will be a challenge and a great time," Dean said in hers.

Turman wrote that Space Camp will help him in his favorite subject; science.

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make my dream a reality," said Macedonia, the birthday girl.

Army birthday theme notes war, transformation

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an Army birthday cake June 14. Maj. Gen. Robert Shea, deputy commander of United Forces Command Japan, will also give a speech that day.

The Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division will host an Army Birthday Ball with 400 members of the local military and civilian communities attending the evening of June 12.

Fort Sill, Okla., will commemorate the day with the post's 77th Army Band participating in pre-game activities at a Texas Rangers baseball game, and a ceremony on post.

Soldiers from the U.S. Army Accessions Command will also hand out thousands of U.S. flags and "Support Your Soldiers" postcards before several sporting events around the country the weekend of June 14 to 15 and June 28. The Army memorabilia will be passed out to sign and send to soldiers deployed overseas.

The flags and postcards will be passed out at baseball games in Camden Yards in Baltimore; Fenway Park in Boston; Jacobs Field in Cleveland; Comerica Park in Detroit; Kauffinan Stadium in Kansas City; The Metrodome in Minneapolis; Ballpark in Arlington, Texas; The Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati; Edison Field in Anaheim, Calif.; Oakland Coliseum in Oakland; Yankee Stadium in New York; Safeco Field in Seattle; and the baseball minor league Florida State League's Single A All-Star game.

They'll also be passed out at the Arena Football games in Richmond, Va., Quad City, Iowa, on June 14, and Albany, N.Y, on June 28.

Racing fans won't be left out in the cold during the month. Soldiers will pass out flags and postcards at the 39th Annual Pontiac Excitement National Hot Rod Association Nationals in Columbus, Ohio, June 12-15 and the Sirius Satellite Radio 400 NASCAR race in Brooklyn, Mich., June 14

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U.S-Japan united against North Korean threats

Nation's nuclear program challenges regional security

By GERRY J. GILMORE

American Forces Press Service

TOKYO - The United States and Japan are united to prevent destabilization in East Asia caused by North Korea's purported efforts to develop nuclear weapons and more powerful ballistic missiles, two senior U.S. officials told reporters here June 3.

U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz met with U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker Jr. at the ambassador's residence near the U.S. Embassy

Wolfowitz had arrived in Tokyo June 2 after meeting with South Korean officials in the capital city of Seoul.

During a question-and-answer session with the traveling press, Wolfowitz remarked to reporters that the defense relationship between the United States and Japan today "is excellent."

Quoting a recent Japanese poll, Wolfowitz noted that 66 percent of respondents believe U.S. military bases in Japan are needed for regional security - up 10 percentage points from last year.

And, Wolfowitz pointed out, 84 percent of Japanese in the poll support recon-



Photo by Gerry J. Gilmore

TOKYO TALK- U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker Jr., left, and U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz hold a June 3 question-and-answer session at the ambassador's residence in Tokyo with reporters traveling with the deputy defense secretary.

struction efforts in post-Saddam Iraq.

Commenting on the ongoing posture review of American military forces deployed around the world and the United States, Wolfowitz noted that "modest adjustments" would likely be made in the U.S. force structure in Japan.

Japan was the last stop on the deputy defense secretary's six-day East Asia trip where he discussed mutual defense issues with Singaporean, South Korean and Japanese leaders.

In Singapore on May 31, Wolfowitz noted there's no greater threat to peace and stability facing Asian - and other nations today than North Korea's nuclear

And U.S. defense officials believe North Korea is also developing more powerful ballistic missiles - which could be used to carry nuclear, biological or chemical payloads.

Wolfowitz acknowledged that North Korea's nuclear and missile development programs present a regional security challenge to South Korea, Japan and other East Asian countries.

And U.S. officials believe that North Korea — which is experiencing chronic food and fuel shortages - wants to leverage the nuclear weapons/ballistic missile issues to obtain concessions from the international community.

The often-bellicose North Koreans have also in recent years threatened to bombard Seoul using myriad artillery pieces and rockets arrayed along the border in the north.

And now North Korea apparently possesses a nuclear capability that threatens peace and stability in the East Asia region, Baker and Wolfowitz pointed out to reporters.

North Korean artillery tubes aimed at Seoul represents a threat to the South

Korean people, Baker noted. And the Japanese, he asserted, are very concerned about North Korea's ballistic missile capability, and potential linkage to weapons of mass destruction - including

Baker recalled that Tokyo was victim to a 1995 Sarin attack on its subway system by domestic terrorists. And in 1998, he continued, the North Koreans fired a Taepo Dong 1 ballistic missile

"Japan is aware of the fact that it lives in a very dangerous neighborhood," Baker pointed out, "and that it must take account of that for its own survival and defense."

However, Baker asserted, Japan can depend on its long-standing alliance and friendship with the United States in meeting any regional security threats presented by North Korea.

"Coordination between Japan and the United States on defense measures has been extraordinary - and it continues to be," Baker emphasized.

In his May 31 remarks to attendees of the second annual Asia Security Conference in Singapore, Wolfowitz observed that multilateral cooperation holds "important promise for enabling countries" across East Asia "to resolve problems peacefully."

And, Wolfowitz asserted at the conference, "No where is that challenge greater than in confronting the problem posed by North Korea's nuclear program.'

In fact, the United States, Japan, South Korea, China and Russia, Wolfowitz noted frequently during his trip, all strongly oppose nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula.

Underlying the relationship between Japan and the United States "is recognition of the fact that Japan is a great sovereign nation," Baker remarked, noting that the Japanese "are our allies, but they are also our friends."

Consequently, Baker continued, the U.S.-Japanese relationship "implies, then, a high level of consultation on how best to provide for our respective best interests.

Bravo keeps cool, gets hot on volleyball court



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FOUR UP— Bravo setter Brent Gooch (4) attempts a return against Headquarters & Alpha.

Troops swing into softball preseason

Softball season picks up right where volleyball left off.

The end of the troop volleyball season leads to the preseason softball tournament which began June 10. The regular season starts June 24.

"Right now we've got eight teams

but I would like to see that increase," recreation assistant Mike Potter said last week. Confirmed teams include the Marines, Bravo Company, Charlie Company, NCO Academy and MED-

Unit-level golf is planned July 11-13.

New facility will double number of lanes

Bowling

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"We will have twice the number of lanes, going from 16 to 32 lanes. The building itself will be almost three times the size of the existing one."

The lane expansion will allow for simultaneous league play and open bowling. Included in the plans are several new features and improvements. A sports bar will be available for those over 21 with karaoke and billiards. The restaurant will be larger. The game arcade will feature 15 to 20 machines of varying age and skill levels. Party and conference rooms are planned for both private and organizational functions. Scheduling a private party at the new facility should be easier with enough space to accommodate multiple functions at the same time.

"It's more of a 'fun center' — much more than just a bowling center," Ahern said. "The focus is bowling but it's not the

only focus really. It's a multipurpose amusement facility and we think it's going to appeal to a lot of people."

Xtreme bowling will still be offered at the new facility. AMF (Always Means Fun) Bowling Products Inc., based in Richmond, Va., will be the primary supplier for equipment. The company supplied the Xtreme bowling package at the current lanes and will provide a similar setup on a larger scale at the new facility.

Pricing for activities and food at the new facility are yet to be determined. With the bowling center being a self-sustained activity, it has periodic price fluctuations as necessary. Any increase in the pricing at the new facility will reflect those normal fluctuations, Ahern said, and would probably occur with or without the new facility. The difference should not be significant.

"We're still going to keep prices the best that we can — competitive," Ahern said. "We still want to be a great value as well as being a super quality program. It will be a good deal still."

Bulldogs battle from losers bracket, beat Headquarters & Alpha for title

By SKIP VAUGHN

Rocket editor skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil

The Bravo Company volleyball players didn't bicker among themselves this

They kept their composure, battled through the losers bracket and made the plays they had to make in the final against Headquarters & Alpha Company.

The Bulldogs beat Headquarters & Alpha 25-27, 25-9, 15-11 for the post championship June 4 at Pagano Gym. Bravo had forced a second match by beating the Gators 25-20, 25-13, 25-16.

"They played fabulous," Bravo coach Cristy McIntosh said. "They've been playing for three hours straight. I feel like we were underdogs. But they played their hearts out. I'm extremely proud of them. They played like a team tonight. They definitely were a team."

Bravo (16-5), seeded fourth in the tournament, advanced to the final by beating top-seeded Delta 25-12, 25-21.

Cody Fowler had six kills and two service aces for the Bulldogs in the deciding match against Headquarters & Alpha. Aladino Perez had six kills and one service ace. Austin Wing had seven kills and Chris Thomas added six.

"We came to this game as underdogs," Fowler, a spiker, said. "We knew that we had to keep our composure and play as a

"I didn't lose my temper," Wing, also a spiker, said. "We played as a team."

"The main thing was just keeping calm in the games," setter Brent Gooch said. "Being determined that we would win, not giving up."

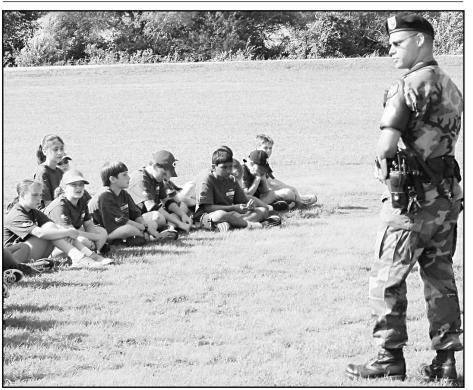
Gooch recalled nights when Bravo wasn't as focused. "We start getting behind sometimes and we'll lose it and get all mad and frustrated and we have to take a timeout to collect ourselves," he said.

Not this time.

"Bravo Company came pumped and they earned it," Gators coach/setter Brian Costa said. "I still think Headquarters & Alpha is the best team on post. I couldn't ask for a team with more

Terry Landers had five kills, Ben Zurita had three, Nelson Gracia-Cruz had two and Philip Ortiz added two service aces for Headquarters & Alpha (13-6).

They played some really good defense against us," Zurita, a blocker/server, said. "We just didn't have it tonight."



Dog day afternoon

Sgt. Michael Nelson of the Provost Marshal's K-9 team tells students attending this year's Madison City Police Department's Kids Camp about military working dogs. The annual Kids Camp is sponsored by the Madison Police for sixth-grade students who graduate from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. More than 160 students were expected for the two camps June 2-6 and June 9-13. The camp highlights skills associated with the law enforcement profession. The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department provided an interactive demonstration with the young people.

Announcements



Golf sweepstakes

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, event sponsor, and Redstone Golf Course are hosting a spring golf driving range promotion, "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes," through June 30. The promotion is targeted at all ages and skill levels. Winners must be authorized MWR patrons — active/ retired/ Guard/ Reserve military, DoD/ NASA civilian or contractor and dependents. Two "Great Golf Escape" vacation packages will be randomly drawn Armywide at the end of the nine-week promotion. In addition, instant prizes are awarded on the spot when you find the red "lucky" ball in your bucket of driving range balls. The more you participate, the greater your chances are of winning. Call 883-7977 for more

Alabama sports festival

Registration is under way for the 2003 Alabama Sports Festival XXI State Games, June 26-29 in Huntsville. Opening ceremonies are June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center. "This is Alabama's largest, Olympic-style, multisport event for amateur athletes of any age or skill level," a prepared release said. For more information, visit the festival's web site at www.alagames.com or call (800) 467-0422.

Boating safety

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct Boating Safety Classes from June 12 through July 24. The classes will cover boating skills and boating safety. The classes will be held Thursday evenings at 6:30 in building 3305, Stillwell Hall, Zeus Drive, room 215. There is a \$22 fee to cover text and materials. This boating safety class will satisfy requirements for the state boating operators license and can reduce the cost of boat insurance. For more information call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 or 830-6621.

Charity golf program

Chrysler will support the Rocket City Retired Military Golf Classic with its charity golf program, Drive for the Chrysler. This program provides amateur golfers and guests an opportunity to drive the latest new cars from Chrysler and raise money for Redstone Arsenal Junior Golf. Courtesy of Madison Square Chrysler, the 300M Special and other new Chryslers will be available through Thursday at the Redstone Golf Course for golfers and guests to examine and drive. For every drive completed with a product evaluation, Chrysler will make a \$5 cash donation to Redstone Arsenal Junior Golf. As Chrysler's way of adding a personal thanks, each driver will receive a gift of golf balls. Step up to the Chrysler tent and take a few minutes to check out the automotive innovations from Daimler Chrysler. Pick up free golf balls while you help

raise extra dollars for Redstone Arsenal Junior Golf.

Bowling benefit

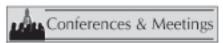
The alumni of Florida A&M University will have their first Scholarship Bowling Night, June 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Pin Palace. Cost is \$12 for as many games as you can bowl in two hours. For more information, call Robert McCoy 858-

Golf classic

MAG 7, Men Aiming for Goodness, will hold its 10th annual Golf Classic, June 28 at 8 a.m. at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Cost is \$65 per player; and proceeds benefit the Harris Home for Children. For more information, call George Kelly 852-1618 or Leon Bradford 837-5328.

Speedway celebration

It's a Father's Day celebration at Huntsville Speedway on Friday as drivers, fans and speedway staff members honor soldiers during the U.S. Army and Thornton Dodge Dealer racing schedule beginning at 8 that night at 357 Hegia Burrow Road. For more information, call the track 882-9191.



Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial

Toastmasters

Are you nervous about speaking in front of people? Do you get butterflies in your stomach? No problem. Learn the art of speaking by joining Toastmasters. Two clubs meet for one hour every week: Strategic Speakers meets at SMDC room 2E1200, Tuesday 11:30-12:30, call John Johnson 313-3634 or Matt Boenker 721-7006, extension 119; and Communicators Club meets Thursday 11:30-12:30 at Sparkman Center building 5304, call Ron Legowik 876-5619.

Naval sea cadets

The newly formed Robley Evans DD-552 Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps meets the first and third Thursday of each month at the Huntsville Police Academy on Airport Road. For more information, call (256) 431-9321.

Alcorn State alumni

The Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University will meet for breakfast June 21 from 8:30-10 a.m. at Victoria's Café, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call Melvin Mayo 876-1731.

Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center. For more information, call Jennifer Kennedy 837-3310.

Florida A&M alums

The alumni of Florida A&M University invite all alumni and friends to the next FAMU Alumni Association chapter meeting. For more information, call Robert McCoy 858-0830 or Wendell Johnson 427-7043.

Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals invites you to its election and installation of officers' meeting June 17 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. There will also be a 10-minute video about the international convention to encourage participation in that event. Members and guests will go through the buffet for lunch.

Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. and the program at Scheduled speaker is Dr. Larry Robey, Madison County health officer. For more information, call 881-4944 or 881-3168.



Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop, which now accepts handmade craft items for consignment, seeks volunteers. For more information, call 881-6992.

Butler High reunions

Butler High class of 1983 will have its 20year reunion Aug. 29-30. For information call Tammy 721-2246 or Kelly 829-1427. Butler's classes of 1968 and 1969 are having their 34th and 35th year reunion June 20-21; and for more information call Jeannie Sharpe King 772-1963 or Robin Hall Brewer 325-1018.

Lee High reunion

Lee High class of 1973 will have its 30year reunion July 11-12. For information call Bob Mathis (256) 519-7674 or Teressa Walker Beasley (931) 937-8504.

Motorcycle safety course

The Department of Defense and Department of Army require all soldiers who operate motorcycles either on or off post to have satisfactorily completed an approved Motorcycle Safety Course. This requirement also applies to all individuals who operate a motorcycle on DoD installations. Motorcyclists will be required to show proof of meeting this requirement when registering or renewing a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal. The Experienced

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Rider Course is scheduled Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This training will be provided free of cost for military and DoD civilians. To qualify for the ERC, a rider must have at least one year experience and have ridden more than 1,000 miles. These requirements are reduced to six months and 500 miles if the rider has completed a Basic Rider Course, Individuals under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign a required waiver form before starting the course. Riders must bring a valid driver license with motorcycle endorsement to the course. Enrollees must provide a street-legal motorcycle which will need to pass an inspection by the rider coaches. The inspection includes tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis and kickstand. Motorcycles should be properly insured. Class participants should also provide their own helmet and all required safety gear. To register for the course, call Bryan Lorge 842-8622.

Association scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will award a \$1,000 scholarship in August. Applications are due by July 15. For more information, call Bob Belton of Quantum Research International 971-1800, ext. 257.

Logistics course

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics is offering a 50-hour Logistics Management course. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing interested students for the next CPL exam scheduled Nov. 1. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 842-9968.

Summer reading program

Child and Youth Services sponsors "Heating It Up With Books at Redstone," a
summer reading program, through July
31. Children of active duty, retired and
Guard/Reserve military, DoD, Army,
Redstone/NASA contractors and dependents may participate. Trophies will be
awarded to the top readers. For more
information, visit www.redstonemwr.com
or call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Youth sponsorship

Youth Sponsorship Training will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 4-4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Youth (grades 6-12) that would like to become a Youth Sponsor or youth that have recently moved to the Redstone community are invited. For more information, call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Car show helpers

Volunteer are needed for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising car show, "Cars and Camouflage," July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking area off Zeus Road near Gate 10. Volunteers are needed for everything from directing participants to staging areas and traffic control for public parking areas, to registration, setup and judging (some experience or background is required for those volunteering to judge). Individuals interested in volunteering should call SFC Thomas Perkins

955-8888, ext. 1141 or e-mail him at thomas.perkins@se.amedd.army.mil.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The quarterly retirement ceremony is June 25 at 1 p.m. at Heiser Hall. Retiring servicemembers should call SFC Rodger Pettitt, operations sergeant for the garrison, 876-2819 by June 11.

Academy fund-raiser

The third annual Charity Fund Raiser Dinner for the Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy is July 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parish Life Center, 2300 Beasley. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for two tickets. Scheduled speaker is Mayor Mims Hackett of Orange, N.J., a Birmingham native. He was a teacher for 32 years, twice winning "Teacher of the Year" for his excellence in teaching science. The evening will feature a fashion show, dinner, silent auction and dancing. For more information call Lillie Townsend, executive director, 746-9026.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will have

an information meeting on its master of business administration program June 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. For more information call 800-672-7223, ext. 5026.

Air show

Arnold Air Force Base and the Tri-Chamber Air Show Coalition of Manchester, Tullahoma and Franklin County will present an air show June 21-22 at the Tullahoma Regional Airport. The free event celebrates the centennial of flight with some of the best military and civilian aerial acts in the country. For more information, visit www.arnoldafbairshow.com.

Summer musical

Pocahontas will be the 2003 summer musical for the Madison Community Chorus. Performances are 7 p.m. July 25 and 26, and 2 p.m. July 26 at Bob Jones High School in Madison. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. Corporate sponsors receive a \$2 discount

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off the adult ticket price. Groups of 15 or more may receive a 10 percent additional discount. For tickets call 316-0521 or 316-0522. Tickets are also available at Shaver's Books in Huntsville and Mulberry Street in Madison.

Communications construction

The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program construction project continues to expand its work locations, according to Richard Mathena, I3MP team leader in the Directorate of Information Management. Construction will continue north on Patton Road with excavation within the Sparkman Center complex. The areas of the complex initially affected by construction will be buildings 5306 and 5309. Construction in the complex will continue for approximately six months. During this six months, parking and access to the complex will be periodically limited beginning on the north side. Another crew is also scheduled to start construction on Linder Road proceeding south. Extreme caution should be taken in the areas of construction to avoid accidents. For more information, call Mathena 876-0020.

Parenting classes

"Parenting an Adolescent" is a free, three-part class offered June 16, 23 and 30 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. It is open to the entire Redstone community. To register or get more information, call Army Community Service 876-

Special Forces recruiting

The U.S. Special Forces is looking for soldiers seeking their next challenge. To apply, enlisted soldiers must be E-4 through E-6 with a minimum GT score of 100. Commissioned officers must be in year groups 2000 through 2001. SFC Andy Wilson and SFC Ian Gerdes of the Special Forces Recruiting Team, Fort Benning, Ga., will be at Redstone Arsenal June 24-25 to conduct briefings at 10 a.m. at building 3447. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call MSgt. Billy Sanders 842-0870 or the SF Recruiting Team (706) 545-3079, DSN 835-3079.

Prayer breakfast

The next IMMC Prayer Breakfast is June 24 at 7:30 a.m. in Sparkman building 5308, room 8124. "No food or drinks will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own or feast on the message for the morning," a prepared release said. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Clif Canady 876-1587.

Historical musical

Discount tickets to "Civil War — the Musical," are being offered to anyone with a Redstone badge or military ID. Independent Musical Productions is presenting this historical production for the first time in Alabama at the Lee High auditorium, June 20-21 and June 26-28 at 7:30 p.m., with 2:30 p.m. matinees June 22 and 28. Regular ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students/seniors. A special \$2 off each is offered for individuals with a Redstone badge or military ID. For more information, call Shelby Holland 859-2563.

Doll show

The Twickenham Doll Club annual Doll Show and Sale is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jaycees Building, Airport Road. Admission is adults \$3, children \$1 and children under 6 free. Proceeds benefit children's charities. For more information, call 882-2817.

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All Federal Employees

Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
All U.S. citizens

If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures OTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e., Cashier, Food Service, ustodial, Bartender. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com, or you may telephone 876-7772